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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	D. Lawrence Tarazano	1773	

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 January 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 13-16 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

The examiner notes that the structure recited in claim 2 of the applicants' claims corresponds to **2-hydroxy-2-methyl-1- [4-(1-methylenethyl) phenyl homopolymer**, which has a Chemical Abstracts number **115055-18-0** and the commercial name **KIP-150**

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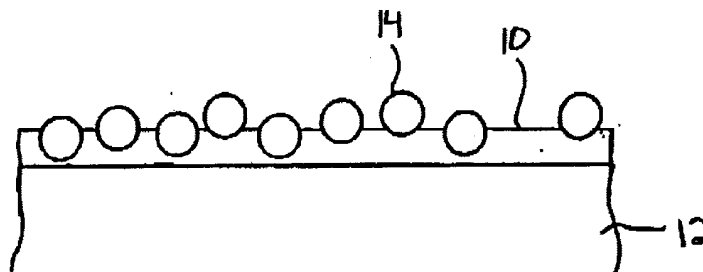
2. Claims 1-9 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Colton et al. (2002/0132871 A1).

Colton et al. teach transparent curable coating compositions comprising KIP 150 [0024], see claim 2.

The coatings comprise particles (figure 1) below. The particles are present in amounts of 1-5% based on the weight of the coating and examples of particles include silicate [0064]. This particle would make the finish of the material (matt). This would result in the claimed anti-glare properties since the particles on the surface would disrupt reflected light (ergo reduce glare).

Regarding claim 7, the composition can comprise additives. [0062].

Regarding claim 9, Colton et al teach coatings having a thickness of 0.001 to 0.005 inches (0.001 inch is approximately 25 microns). [0103]



Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Colton et al. (2002/0132871).
3. Regarding claim 10, the applicants claim that the substrate has a thickness of 10 to 350 microns. While Colton et al. are silent regarding this feature; the material may be coated on diverse substrates. [0014].
4. The examiner takes the position that the thickness of the substrate is directly related to the end use of the material. There does not appear to be anything unexpected or critical regarding the combination of this coating on substrates having this thickness. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to have coated the material taught by Colton et al. on the surface of thin substrates as claimed, wherein protection of the substrate was desired.
5. Regarding claim 12, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to have coated both sides of a substrate for applications in which both sides needed protection.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed 1-20-04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The applicants argue that Colton et al. do not teach the claimed invention. The examiner believes that even with the amendment, the applicants have not differentiated the claimed invention (claims 1-12) from the prior art. The art remains applied, for specific explanations on how the art is treated, see the rejections above.

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Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 13-16 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

There is no suggestion to apply a coat of pressure sensitive adhesive to the substrate of the materials taught by Colton et al, the closest prior art. This takes the material in a different direction.

Conclusion

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

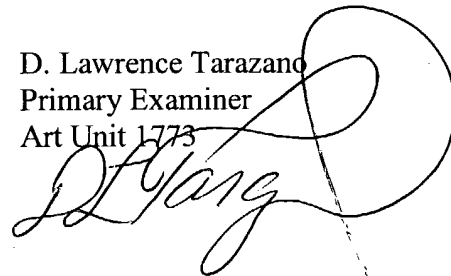
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to D. Lawrence Tarazano whose telephone number is (571)-272-1515. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 to 6:00 (off every other Friday).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul J Thibodeau can be reached on (571)-272-1516. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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D. Lawrence Tarazano
Primary Examiner
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Tarazano', is written over the printed name and title of the examiner.

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